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FM AMEMBASSY DOHA

TO AMEMBASSY ABU DHABI IMMEDIATE

INFO AMEMBASSY JIDDA

AMEMBASSY KUWAIT

AMEMBASSY MANAMA

AMCONSUL DHAHRAN

SECSTATE WASHDC 2597

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MANAMA FOR MATTRAN

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR, QA, US

SUBJECT: GULF TOUR BY AMERICAN JOURNALISTS

REF: DHAHRAN 546

1. DIRECTOR OF QATARI MINISTRY OF INFORMATION PHONED EMBASSY MORNING MAY 15 TO INFORM US OF ARRIVAL FROM ABU DHABI OF AMERICAN JOURNALIST GROUP ON MAY 17 FOR TWO-DAY VISIT TO QATAR. ACCORDING GOQ OFFICIAL, GROUP INCLUDES RATTNER, TANNER, LIPPMAN, CHRISTOPHER, WYNNE, BLAUSTEIN, MULLEN, BEECH AND MCCARTNEY.

2. OFFICIAL GAVE US PROGRAM, WHICH INCLUDES MEETINGS WITH AMIR AND MINISTERS OF FINANCE AND PETROLEUM, INFORMATION, AND LABOR AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS, PLUS OFFICIAL DINNER AND LUNCH, TOURS OF INDUSTRIAL AREA AND DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS, ETC.

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3. PROGRAM APPEARS TO BE COMPREHENSIVE AND TOP LEVEL. IN PARTICULAR, MEETING WITH AMIR UNIQUE PRIVILEGE SINCE TO BEST OF OUR RECOLLECTION HE HAS NEVER BEFORE RECEIVED SUCH GROUP OF JOURNALISTS.

4. REFTEL AND OTHER CABLE TRAFFIC ON ACTIVITIES OF GROUP INDICATE THAT IT MAY BE BREAKING UP. IF SO, GOQ OBVIOUSLY DOES

NOT KNOW ABOUT IT, WILL CERTAINLY BE DISAPPOINTED, AND SHOULD  
BE ADVISED BY GROUP'S SPONSOR AND IF NOT LETTER, BY EMBASSY.

5. WOULD APPRECIATE BEING ADVISED BY ADDRESSEES EXACTLY WHAT  
PRESENT STATUS OF GROUP IS, WHETHER IT COMING TO DOHA AND, IF  
SO, HOW MANY WILL TURN UP. WE WOULD ADD OUR VOICE TO THOSE WHICH  
HAVE ALREADY URGED GROUP TO STAY TOGETHER AND TAKE ADVANTAGE  
OF FIRST-CLASS RECEPTION BEING OFFERED. IMAGE ASPECTS FOR U.S.,  
EITHER POSITIVE OR NEGATIVE, ARE OBVIOUS.  
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